

Remarks**1. Amendment to the Specification**

Applicant amended the paragraph setting out the Cross-Reference to Related Applications. This application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to two lines of co-pending applications. The co-pending applications have common inventors, Mink and Goldstein. This application now claims continuation-in-part status from of U.S. Application No. 09/280,269, filed March 29, 1999, and divisional status U.S. Application No. 09/292,293, filed April 15, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,303,081. Applicant has amended Cross-Reference to indicate that it is U.S. Application No. 09/280,269 that claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from U.S. Provisional Application 60/079,958, filed March 30, 1998.

Applicant initially notes that the subject application, as originally filed, contained a typographical error in the Cross-Reference to Related Applications, wherein U.S. Provisional Application 60/079,958 was inadvertently set forth as 60/079,952. This error, which was present throughout the prosecution of the application, and in Applicant's Proposed Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 filed February 19, 2004 and June 2, 2004. This error is corrected by this proposed amendment.

Upon filing, this application claimed divisional status from the parent '993 application and priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/079,952 (U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/079,958, as now amended). Applicant previously amended the cross-reference to related applications to remove reference to the '952 provisional application (the '958 application, as amended). The '293 parent application was filed over twelve months after the '958 provisional application.

The '269 application, filed March 29, 1999, names common inventors (Mink and Goldstein) and was co-pending with this application at the time it was filed on October 11, 2001 and discloses essentially the same subject matter. Filed within the '269 application claims priority to the '952 provisional application. (the '958 application, as amended).

The Decision on Petition mailed May 28, 2004 correctly pointed out that this application was filed October 11, 2001, over twelve months from the filing of the '958 provisional application. As discussed above, it is the '293 application, filed March 29, 1999, which claims priority to the '958 provisional application, filed March 30, 1998. Applicant's original Proposed Amendment Under 1.312 filed February 19, 2004 did not clearly set forth this relationship. Thus, Applicant, in its Second Proposed Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 filed June 2, 2004, amended the specification to clarify the priority relationships. However, as noted in the Office's Response to Rule 312 Communication dated July 30, U.S.

Application No. 09/280,269 does not claim provisional benefit from 60/079,952. Rather, the '269 application claims priority to 60/079,958, as discussed above. Again, this typographical error has been corrected by this proposed amendment.

A Supplement to Applicant's Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.78 for the Acceptance of a Late Claim for Priority, and a corrected Application Data Sheet, accompany this proposed amendment.

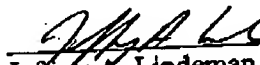
2. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment to the specification.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-2380. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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